WARREN IN ISRAEL FOR KENNEDY RITE

Will Dedicate a Memorial and Forest on July 4

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LYDDA, Israel, June 30 — Chief Justice Earl Warren arrived here tonight for the dedication July 4 of a peace forest and memorial to President Kennedy.

Mr. Warren, who headed an investigation into Mr. Kennedy's assassination, will lead a delegation of Israeli officials and American donors in paying homage to Mr. Kennedy on a site in the barren Judean Hills several miles southwest of Jerusalem.

Fifteen minutes after his arrival from London, Mr. Warren was questioned about the commission's findings. He was asked at the airport to comment on a recently published book that suggests the autopsy was revised to conform to the theory that one assassin killed Mr. Kennedy.

Declines Comment at First

"I would not care to comment on it," Mr. Warren said and added, "You'll find almost anything written in our country about any public matter."

Then, apparently feeling that he should say more, Mr. Warren explained:

"We wrote our report—it was the best we could do after ten months of intensive research—and we delivered to the National Archives every document that we had, every working paper and the differences of opinion in staff and ourselves as we went along.

"It would be easy for anyone who wanted to find some adverse conclusion to find differences of opinion, but that was our conclusion, it was unanimous, it was the best work we could do in ten months.

"On that commission were representatives, and very responsible representatives, of both parties in our Government and all we can say is that the report was the best effort we could possibly make."

The book, "Inquest" by Edward Jay Epstein, published by The Viking Press, contended that the autopsy report was altered to fit the theory that one bullet passed through Mr. Kennedy's body. Dr. J. Thornton Boswell, one of three doctors who performed the autopsy, has since denied that report was altered.

Mr. Warren also was asked about the progress of civil rights legislation in Congress. Again he declined comment, but when he was asked if he was optimistic about the outcome replied:

"Yes, I am, about the whole civil rights movement, I'm very optimistic."

Mr. Warren's arrival caused a brief flurry among welcoming officials led by United States Ambassador Walworth Barbour when it appeared that the Chief Justic was not on the plane.

Gathered at the foot of the first-class ramp, the welcoming committee watched a few passengers debark and then called nervously for the passenger list. Then Mr. Warren, accompanied by his wife and some friends, appeared in the tourist-class gangway and the welcoming party shifted to meet them.

Mr. Warren said he had been in Israel six years ago and would stay a week to see the changes that had been made.

The funds for the Kennedy forest and memorial were raised in the United States by the Jewish National Fund. The memorial takes the form of a tree trunk, severed like the life of the young President, in its prime. Concrete pylons represent the American states and a single shaft of light in the roof falls on a sculpture of Mr. Kennedy. The memorial was designed by David Reznik, an Israeli architect.

Explorer Launching Delayed

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla., June 30 (AP) — Heavy rains from a tropical disturbance today forced a postponement in an attempt to launch a Lunar Explorer satellite toward an orbit about the moon to investigate radiation and other potential dangers to astronauts. The launching tentatively was rescheduled for 12:02 P.M. tomorrow.